water supply in rural areas, all problem villages in rural areas will be provided safe water supply by the end of 1990. The rural population has been encouraged to construct low cost sanitary toilets for safe disposal of human excreta.

Discrimination and raw treatment to air hostesses

4169. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines air hostesses Association, have complained of discrimination and raw treatment meted out to them in the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether there is no uniformity in rules governing the service conditions of air hostesses of IA and AI and those belonging to airlines in other countries; and

(c) if not the steps to be taken by Govt. to remove disparity in service condition in case of Indian air hostesses and equality with the male members of the crew?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received regarding alleged discrimination against Air hostesses.

(b) and (c) Whereas Service Regulations pertaining to age of retirement, etc. of air hostesses of Air India and Indian Airlines are almost identical, service conditions of air hostesses of Air India and Indian Airlines and those belonging to airlines in other countries may differ. Courts have been moved on the question of discrimination, etc. and the Government has acted in accordance with the decision|judgements of the Courts. In so far as equality of air hostesses with the male members of the crew is concerned, air-hostesses constitute a separate category quite distance from male cabin crew and the service conditions of the two categories are also different.

Vayudoot flights in North Eastern States

4170. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Vayudoot flights in North-Eastern States, their days of operations, types of aircrafts used, State-wise;

(b) the details of flights cancelled sector-wise and month-wise during the last three years and reasons therefor flight-wise;

(c) the details of commercial facilities and infrastructure built by Vayudoot at various airports in North-Eastern States, airport-wise, for maintenance and smooth operation in these States;

(d) whether it is a fact that change of type of aircrafts on certain sectors and combinations of such sectors operated by a single aircraft is being frequently done; if so, the reasons thereon; and

(e) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard and for further development of Vayudoot services in North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The details of existing Vayudoot operations in the North-Eastren region are given in the attached statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of the flight cancelled during the period from August, 1987 to July, 1988 are given in the attached statement-II. (*See* below).

(c) Vayudoot has either provided booking offices or appointed sales handling agents at North-East stations. For passenger transportation between city and airport, where airports are located at long distances, Vayudoot has given transport subsidy to bus operators.

(d) No. Sir. Clubbing of flights and change of aircraft type is resorted to when there is no alternative available.

(e) Vayudoot is in the process of acquiring additional aircraft capacity to obviate delays/cancellations due to non-availability of aircraft.